IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ANDREW and LAUREN HACKNEY,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

Civil Action No.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, JENNA REED MICHELLE VESELICKY, MICHELLE HANEY, EMMA EMBAR, and MONICA ANDERSON-RHONES,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: The Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

- I. Plaintiffs initiated suit in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and filed a Complaint on March I, 2024. A copy of the Complaint is attached as Exhibit "A".
- 2. Plaintiffs then filed a "Complaint to Join Additional Defendants." On March 1, 2024. A copy of the Complaint is attached as Exhibit "B".
- 3. The Complaint alleges violations of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, 42 U.S.C. §1983, 42 U.S. Code §1985, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 4. A copy of the electronic Docket from the Department of Court Records of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, is attached as Exhibit "C".
- 5. Removal of Plaintiffs' claims is based upon federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and is appropriate under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

- 6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(b)(1), this Notice is filed within 30 days of service of the Complaint.
- 7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1446(b)(2) all Defendants who have been properly served consent to the removal of the action.
- 8. A notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal has been filed today with the Department of Court Records of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

WHEREFORE, Defendants request that this matter be removed to the United States

District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the within **NOTICE OF REMOVAL** was served by certified mail and email, this 28th day of March 2024, upon the following:

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